

## SWAC Meeting Minutes 2/04/2015

In Attendance: Kevin Demosky (Division Director, Utilities and Solid Waste), Lori Finafrock (DSWM), District 2 County Council Member Tony Chmelik, Peter Blood, Patrick Miglio, Phil LeBlanc and Zach Fleagle

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with quorum met, Peter Blood presiding.

Minutes approved from the January 7, 2015 meeting

County Council member Tony Chmelik introduced himself and stated that he was appointed County Council liaison with SWAC.

Department Update (presented by Lori Finafrock)

- Citizens Convenience Center (CCC) is now open for business. The CCC is accessed from Recycle Road and allows citizens to dispose of household garbage without having to wait in line at the landfill scale house. A flat fee of \$7.60 is charged; payment is by credit card only.
- The Solid Waste Management Plan is under review by the Municipality Planning Commissions. From there it will go for review by Frederick County Planning Commission on March 11.
- County Executive Jan Gardner and Councilman Bud Otis toured the Department facilities last week (January 29)
- The Recycling Program launched a coloring book contest to encourage county youth to embrace and promote recycling. Prizes will be awarded. Prizes and promotional materials are grant-funded.

Councilman Chmelik had several questions:

1. How were the CCC charges developed? Answer: based on average weight of residential trash brought to the landfill in a car – approx 140 lbs. Standard tipping fee was \$3.80 per 100 lbs. At the time of the evaluation, all charges were assessed per 100 pounds, so 140 pounds is charged at the next 100 lb increment (200 lbs), thus a flat fee of \$7.60.
2. How is the access to the CCC regulated? The CCC is staffed while open to prevent unauthorized access.
3. How do contractor's employees bring trash to the landfill now that they must have cash or credit card? Several contractors had accounts to charge tipping fees to but these accounts became inactive because of infrequent use. As a contractor, Councilman Chmelik was concerned that government was making it difficult for contractors to access the county landfill. Mr. Demosky and Ms. Finafrock stated that inactive accounts were difficult to manage and therefore closed. Both offered to work with those contractors affected to address this issue and asked that any complaints/inquiries regarding closed accounts be directed to our Department.

New Business:

- Pat Miglio complimented Solid Waste staff on the new signage for landfill and recycle center.
- Pat Miglio commented on the 2 recycling positions that were advertised. Lori Finafrock responded that recruiting for the positions is closed and several candidates have expressed an interest in the positions

Comments from Guests:

None

The next meeting will be held at Winchester Hall on 03/04/2015 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.